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| In re Application of Gat et al. |) | |
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| Serial No.: 09/226,396 |) | Examiner: NGUYEN, KIET |
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| Filed: January 6, 1999 |) | Art Unit: 2881 |
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| For: HEATING DEVICE FOR |) | |
| HEATING SEMICONDUCTOR |) | |
| WAFERS IN THERMAL |) | |
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES

Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants propose amending a drawing in the above-identified application.

Accordingly, Applicants have attached a new copy of Fig. 1 with a proposed addition shown in red ink. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed addition of a directional arrow is a graphical drawing symbol illustrating a feature disclosed in the description and claims as originally filed and specifically better illustrates a rotational direction of substrate holder 15 as recited in claims 33, 44, 52, and 61.

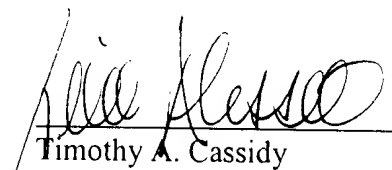
Applicants respectfully submit that the change does not add new matter and is supported by the originally filed specification, claims, and drawings.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his convenience with any questions regarding the proposed drawing change or to resolve any issue regarding the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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